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CREDIT UNION COMMISSION MEETS

The Credit Union Commission met on May 24, 2001 in Jefferson City, MO. Commission members in attendance were Pat Yokley, Bill Humpfer, Sharon Ichord, Cathy Stroud, Lori Levine, John Hanneke, and Pat Macdonald. Others attending were, Rosie Holub, Peggy Nalls, Don Cohenour and Mike Winter, Missouri Credit Union System; Wade L. Nash, and Jack Pletz, Missouri Bankers Association; Jim Deutsch, Attorney, Steve Ogolin and Dan Venverloh, First Missouri Credit Union; Rick Nichols River Region Credit Union; Rod Gruenberg, Jefferson City Highway Credit Union; Charles Waalkes, St. Louis Telephone Employees Credit Union; Don Cooper, Central Communications Credit Union; Don Ackerman and Jacques Sachs, Springfield Telephone Employees Credit Union; Becky Kilpatrick, Department of Economic Development; John P. Smith, and Rob Berry, Division of Credit Unions; and Kip Stetzler and Christy Kincannon, Attorney General's Office.

The Commission approved the minutes of the April 30, 2001 meeting.

The Commission accepted into evidence the record for the appeals of the Director's decision approving the field of membership expansions for **Central Communications** and **South Community Credit Unions** and set dates for legal briefing schedules.

The Commission after considerable discussion upheld the Director's decision approving the expansion of **Springfield Telephone Employees Credit Union's** field of membership. The Commission assessed costs of the appeal to the non-prevailing parties, the Missouri Bankers Association and Century Bank of the Ozarks.

The Commission reviewed the field-of-

membership expansion applications submitted by **First Missouri Credit Union**. More than 3,000 potential members exist within the group. The Commission found that the group met the criteria for an exemption from the limitations on groups in 4 CSR 105-3.040.

Reports regarding the condition of Missouri chartered credit unions, rulemaking in process, and a state and federal legislative update were heard.

The Commission approved the Director's recommended amendments to 4 CSR 100-2.160 Semi-annual Report of Conditions 4 CSR 100-2.040 Loans.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission is August 9, 2001. The meeting will be held in Room 500, Harry S Truman Office Building. Meetings by telephone conference call may be scheduled to take up business that requires action before the August 9 meeting

FIELD OF MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION UPDATE

Springfield Telephone Employees Credit Union submitted an application to include those persons who reside or work in the 417 telephone Area Code and the 573 (bordered on the north by I-70) telephone Area Code. The Director approved the expansion of **Springfield Telephone Employees Credit Union** to those in the 417 Area Code, but not the 573 Area Code. The decision was published in the November 15, 2000 Missouri Register. On November 30, 2000 the Missouri Bankers Association and Century Bank of the Ozarks filed an appeal of the decision to the Credit Union Commission. The Commission heard the appeal on March 29, 2001. On May 24, 2001 the Commission upheld the decision of the Director.

South Community Credit Union submitted an

application for those who work or reside in Zip Codes 63109, 63111, 63116, 63123, 63125, 63128, 63129, and Crawford County, Franklin County, Gasconade County and Washington County. **Central Communications Credit Union** submitted an application for those persons who reside or work in the 816 telephone Area Code. The Director approved **South Community and Central Communications'** applications. These decisions were published in the November 15, 2000 Missouri Register. On November 30, 2000 the Missouri Bankers Association and a local bank located in each of the two applicants' field-of-membership expansion areas filed appeals of the decisions to the Credit Union Commission. The Commission received from all parties the record of the appeals on May 24, 2001 and set briefing schedules. The Commission will make a decision after review of the record of appeals.

Gateway Metro Credit Union submitted an application for those living or working in the Missouri counties of St. Louis, St. Charles and Jefferson. **Educational Employees Credit Union** submitted an application for those who live or work in St. Louis County, St. Charles County, Jefferson County, Cape Girardeau County and Franklin County. These applications were published in the December 15, 2000 Missouri Register. The Director approved the applications and his decision was published in the February 15, 2001 Missouri Register. On March 1, 2001 the Missouri Bankers Association and a local bank located in two applicants' field-of-membership expansion areas filed appeals of the decisions to the Credit Union Commission. The Commission will schedule a date to hear these appeals.

Mazuma Credit Union submitted an application for those who live or work in Clay County, Platt County and Jackson County. The application was published in the January 16, 2001 Missouri Register. The Director approved the application and the decision was published in the March 15, 2001 Missouri Register. On March 30, 2001 the Missouri Bankers Association and a local bank located in the field-of-membership expansion area filed an appeal of the decision to the Credit Union Commission. On May 5, 2001 Mazuma amended the application to Jackson County rendering the appeal moot. The application was published in the May 15, 2001 Missouri Register. A ten-business-day period for comments must occur before the Director can act on the application.

Glass Workers Credit Union submitted an application for those persons living or working in Jefferson County and Ste. Genevieve County and family members and organizations of such persons. **Alliance Credit Union** submitted an application for those who work or reside in Zip Codes 63304, 63366, and 63367. The applications were published in the April 2, 2001 Missouri Register. The Director approved the applications and the decisions will be published in the June 1, 2001 Missouri Register. A fifteen-calendar-day period for potential appeal of the decision must occur before the decision is final.

Anheuser Busch Employees Credit Union submitted an application for people who live or work in the 63104 Zip Code and the remainder of the Souldard Historic District. The application was published in the May 15, 2001 Missouri Register. A ten-business-day period for comments must occur before the Director can act on the application.

City Utilities Credit Union submitted an application for community residents and workers in Greene and Christian Counties. The application will be published in the June 1, 2001 Missouri Register. A ten-business-day period for comments must occur the Director can act on the application.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Credit unions are encouraged to submit applications to expand their field of membership for growth and continued viability. Contact your examiner or this office if we can be of assistance in this process.

The Credit Union Commission has approved amendments to two rules recommended by the Director. The proposed amendments must go through the rule-making process. The first step is publication in the Missouri Register on July 2, 2001 for a thirty-day comment period. The proposed amendments are attached to this Newsletter. Your comments and suggestions on these rules and any other rules are welcome.

John P. Smith, Director